

Hearing Assessment

Patient Information

Adult Audiology Services



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Introduction

Your hearing assessment will last up to 90 minutes. During this time the Audiologist will:

- carry out an ear examination
- take a medical history
- ask you to complete a questionnaire to give a clearer picture of how your hearing affects your life
- carry out a hearing test (Audiogram). The results will be discussed with you in full, along with the appropriate management of any hearing loss
- fit you hearing aid(s). The majority of patients who need them are issued with hearing aids on the same day. However, if we are unable to provide your aids the Audiologist will explain the reasons for this and arrange a further appointment.

Please note that the digital hearing aids provided by the NHS are worn behind the ear.

Hearing aid Safety

Always follow audiologist instruction when using hearing aids. Tamper proofing should be used as specified in the hearing aid user guide. Infants and young children should never be left alone with hearing aids. It is important to always keep hearing aids and batteries out of reach of young children and pets. If it is thought that a battery has been swallowed, please go directly to the Emergency Department.

If you require any further information, please contact the Audiology Department telephone 01942 774667 or email audiology@wwl.nhs.uk and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

Please use this space to write notes or reminders.

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

Contact Us

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



How We Use Your Information

For details on how we collect, use, and store the information we hold about you, please see patient information leaflet, Ref. **Corp 006** How we use your information, this can be found on the Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website, see details on the front cover.

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